

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) An image processing system comprising:

an image data generating part that scans an original image and generates image data corresponding to the original image;

a discriminating part that, using the image data generated by the image data generating part, discriminates whether a predetermined inhibit image is present in the original image or not;

a working part that, if it is judged by the discriminating part that the inhibit image is present in the original image, works on the image data to render an image distinctly different from the original image and then outputs the image data thus obtained, and that, if it is judged by the discriminating part that the inhibit image is not present in the original image, outputs the image data as it is generated by the image data generating part;

a storing part that stores page by page the image data outputted from the working part;

an output form inputting part that inputs an output form of the image data corresponding to each page of the original;

a control part that, in accordance with the output form inputted by the output form inputting part, controls in what order the image data stored in the storing part is to be read out; and

an image rotating part that, in accordance with the output form inputted by the output form inputting part, generates image data by rotating the image data stored in the storing part.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing system comprising:

an image data generating part that scans an original image and generates original image data corresponding to the original image;

a discriminating part that, using the original image data generated by the image data generating part, judges whether a predetermined inhibit image is included in the original image or not;

a working part that, if the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is included in the original image, works on the original image data including the inhibit image data to render an altered image different from the original image at the time of scanning of the original image and then outputs the altered image data thus obtained, and that, if the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is not included in the original image, outputs the original image data as it is generated by the image data generating part; and

a memory that electronically stores page by page the image data outputted from the working part,

~~The image processing system according to claim 1,~~ wherein the working part inverts a gradation of at least one color signal of the inhibited image data portion to render the altered image.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

inputting step of inputting original image data corresponding to an original image;

discriminating step of judging whether a predetermined inhibit image is included in the original image or not by using the original image data generated in the inputting step;

working step of, if it is judged at the discriminating step that the inhibit image is included in the original image, working on the original image data including the inhibit image data to render an altered image different from the original image at the time of inputting of the original image and then outputting the altered image data thus obtained, and

if it is judged at the discriminating step that the inhibit image is not included in the original image, outputting the original image data as it is; and
storing step of electronically storing page by page the image data outputted in the working step. ~~The image processing method according to claim 5,~~ wherein the step of working on the inhibit image data portion includes inverting a gradation of at least one color signal of the inhibited image data portion to render the altered image.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An image input system comprising:

an image data generating part that scans an original image and generates original image data corresponding to the original image;

a discriminating part that, using the original image data generated by the image data generating part, judges whether a predetermined inhibit image is included in the original image or not; and

a working part that, if the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is included in the original image, works on the original image data including the inhibit image data to render an altered image different from the original image at the time of scanning of the original image and then outputs the altered image data thus obtained, and that, if the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is not included in the original image, outputs the original image data as it is generated by the image data generating part,

wherein the working part inverts a gradation of at least one color signal of the inhibited image data portion to render the altered image.

14. (Previously Presented) The image input system according to claim 13, wherein the discriminating part includes a recognizing unit for recognizing image data representing the inhibit image and for judging whether the original image contains the image data representing the inhibit image.

15. (Cancelled)